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SUBJ: KHMER CREDENTIALS AT 29TH UNGA: JAPANESE ATTITUDE

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1. DIR FIRST SEASIA DIV HANABUSA INVITED EMBOFFS TO
FONOFF TO DISCUSS KHMER CREDENTIALS QUESTION AND DRV-JAPAN
RELATIONS (LATTER REPORTED SEPTTEL). HANABUSA SAID FONOFF
COMPLETED INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF GKR CREDENTIALS SITUATION

AND CONCLUDED THAT CHANCES ARE RATHER BLEAK FOR AGAIN PRESERVING
GKR CREDENTIALS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF SHIFTS OF RECOGNITION FROM
GKR TO GRUNK BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED TO DEFER
QUESTION LAST YEAR. HANABUSA VOLUNTEERED THAT IMPROVED
RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND ARAB COUNTRIES MIGHT OFFSET THIS
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SHIFT SOMEWHAT. MOREOVER, NEW PORTUGUESE GOVT'S POLICIES

COULD ALSO HELP, BUT EFFECTS OF LISBON COUP WERE LESS PREDICTABLE AND CONCEIVABLY BY AUTUMN COULD EVEN HAVE NEGATIVE AFFECT ON KHMER QUESTION.

2. REALIZING THAT IT IS EARLY TO MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT OUTCOME OF VOTE, HANABUSA, NEVERTHELESS, WANTED TO POINT OUT DIFFICULTIES GOJ WOULD HAVE IN PROVIDING AID, INCLUDING TO ESF TO KHMER SHOULD GKR LOSE CREDENTIALS FIGHT AND BE OUSTED FROM UN. HE SAID GOJ WOULD, OF COURSE, LIKE USG CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GKR BUT IT WOULD BE QTE IMPOSSIBLE UNQTE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

3. HANABUSA SAID HE WAS NOT YET CERTAIN OF ATTITUDES OF ASEAN GOVERNMENTS TOWARD CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE LOBBYING LIKE LAST YEAR. AUSTRALIANS GOLD TOJ GOA PREPARED TO VOTE FOR GKR ON SUBSTANCE BUT NOT ON PROCEDURE, A SEQUENCE WHICH HANABUSA DESCRIBED AS EVEN LESS HELPFUL THAN AT 28TH UNGA, GOVT OF NEW ZEALAND, ON OTHER HAND, TOLD GOJ DESPITE ITS PESSIMISM ON GKR CREDENTIALS FIGHT, GNZ WILL GO DOWN FIGHTING IN SUPPORT OF GKR.

4. (NEW KHMER CHARGE IN TOKYO, SIM MANIT, TOLD US THAI GOVT ASSURED GKR AT HIGH LEVEL THAT BANGKOK WOULD SUPPORT GKR IN UNGA WITH SAME DETERMINATION AS IN 1973.)

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT REGARD HANABUSA'S REMARKS AS INDICATING WEAKENING OF SUPPORT FOR GKR OR FOR PRINCIPLE THAT LEGITIMATELY CONSTITUTED GOVT SHOULD BE GOVT SEATED AT UN. INSTEAD, WE BELIEVE HANABUSA WANTED TO ALERT US TO REAL PROBLEMS GOJ WOULD FACE IN EVENT GKR LOST CREDENTIALS FIGHT IN JUSTIFYING TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL CIRCLES IN AND OUT OF LDP EXTENDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT NOT DULY RECOGNIZED BY UN. EXTENDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GKR AFTER IT WAS OUSTED FROM UN WOULD ALSO CONTRADICT VERY CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT ON GOJ'S PART TO ADOPT POSITIONS CLOSER TO LDOS.

6. FINALLY, HANABUSA SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS NOT TOO EARLY FOR US TO BEGIN TO DISCUSS KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE AND WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT USG AGREES THAT DISCUSSIONS SHOULD NOW

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BEGIN. FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF RESPONSES TO REFTEL, WE RECOMMEND CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE.
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